

Great and Wonderful News to
all Christendom in Particular;
and the whole world in general.

Being a Strange and Wonderful

R E L A T I O N

OF THE

A P P E A R A N C E

OF AN

Angel to a Minister.

As he was going abroad to Preach.

Who told his most secret Thoughts, and likewise the
Text he was to preach from.

Also, of his telling the Minister many wonderful
Things, that will shortly come to pass.

Likewise the Minister's Name, the Place where he
lived, the Year, Month, Day, and Hour of the
Angel's Appearance to him: With a true and faith-
ful Account of the Words the Angel spoke to the
Minister.

Also an Account of the great Prodiges and Signs that
will be seen in the Month of January next, in many
Parts of England.

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AND if people will not beleive this true relation from the Angel and the Ministers own mouth; neither would they be perswaded though one rose again from the dead; or if another angel from heaven came to declare it, Luke xvi. 11.

This is wrote, printed, and published for the good and happiness of all Christendom in particular, and for the instruction and welfare of the whole world in general.—For God will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; for there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all men to be testified in due time; said that, if he was lifted up, he would draw all men unto him; for as in Adam all died, even so in Christ shall all be made alive,

And the Lord called unto Jacob out of heaven and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac thy father; the land on which thou sleepest will I give thee, and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north and to the south; and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Gen. xxviii. 13. 14.

If you have a mind to know what condition Great Britain and Christendom are at in this very day, and how it is compared to all Israel, Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the holy land of Canaan, who were destroyed by wars, famine, other miseries and calamities, and scattered the whole world throughout for their sins, until it pleased God to call them back again, to replace them in Jerusalem, and in the holy land of Canaan, and in other parts of the world, where God thinks fit to place that numerous and wonderful body of people; for the ten tribes must return, and scarce any one knows where they are but myself.

Now if you have a mind to know what will certainly become of the greatest part of Christendom for their former sins, please to read the following account of the Angel's appearance to the Minister, which was as follows, viz.



The manner of the Angel's Appearance to the MINISTER.



THE 6th Sunday in September, early in the morning about seven o'clock, Mr. Jones, a minister, living in the town of Rugby, in Warwickshire, went to a village hard by to preach the word of God.

Now after I had walked forward on my way, which was overlaid with boards because of the unpassableness of it, it so happened that I was busied with holy and divine meditations, and consi-

dering what might be most suitable to the subject I was to treat upon, looking up I saw a very old grey hair'd man, with a white beard reaching to his girdle, his garment was of a stranger colour, on his head he had a three corner cap of a sky blue colour, his face strong and lively, and of an awful aspect.

Being come to him, I pass'd by after I had courteously saluted him, and because he only answer'd me with a nod, I went forwards.

After I was gone a little farther, I perceiv'd the same old man, and thought with myself, this seems to be the same old man I pass'd by just now: whence may these men come? for never in my life have I seen such before. As I was thinking thus with myself, and looking forward, I saw the old man stand as if he waited for me, and when I had pass'd him I look'd back to see whether the old man I had met was there still, but saw him not. Now after I had turn'd my face towards him, the old man wish'd me a good day, and farther said, well you are going abroad to preach, and intend to take your text out of the 21st chapter of St. Luke. Take heed lest at any time your hearts are overcharg'd.

At these words I was astonish'd, and he said, you had best take care to present the truth to men with great eagerness, for it is highly necessary that it should be told them: for a wonderful change of

things will be in these lands, and in the world; but most especially where the light of the gospel shines most; great and heavy judgments will appear. This you must still continue to do, notwithstanding you often resolved to leave off preaching.

These words did so affright and cast me down that I fell into a swoon, to that degree that I could not speak a word. — But he said unto me, be not affrighted because I tell you your thoughts, and intentions; you shall have something else now, only be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

As soon as his words came from his mouth, I came wholly to myself again, and strengthened myself to step forward and walk, but lifting up my eyes, the old man was gone, and no where to be found, which made we wonder greatly.

As I walked a little farther, being still of thought on what my intentions had been, for as he told me, I proposed to quit preaching, and resolved this should be my last sermon. While I was thus ruminating, I saw him again, and he said unto me, Woe unto you, for if so you do, you shall be wonderfully punished; for it is not man you have to do with, but the Lord; therefore take heed what you do. With these words I was much cast down but he said unto me, difficult times will come, for men are very ungodly and unthankful throughout Europe, but more especially in the countries, were

most virtue and truth is expected. God has long waited for fruits of righteousness, yet little but wickedness appears. Thus saith the Lord God of heaven, I will plague Christendom in my wrath, I will take away the teaching of the Gospel, and smite the people with blindness, because they have provok'd me to anger. The heathens shall come out of far countries, and the Grand Turk shall destroy Christendom, and take away divine worship, so that in the world will be found but very few good men; every one will be afraid to hear the word of God: then much Christian blood will be shed; yet those who love God shall be comforted.

The beginning of this calamity will be when the French King shall endeavour to make himself great and grand, for then great preparations of war shall be made throughout Europe. But then shall the French King be curbed in great pride, for discord shall trouble his kingdom and destroy it. And at this time wonders shall be heard, for the King of Sardinia shall come up and make an irruption in France, and conquer it, and then shall the King of Sardinia subdue the French King, and make him tributary. And at the same time the Netherlands will be in a bad condition, through scarcity. But before all this is accomplished, there will be a very remarkable comet seen in several parts of Great Britain but particularly in the northern parts of Scotland.— Therefore preach the word of God with cheerfulness, and the Lord be with you for ever and ever, Amen.

Having thus said, he disappeared and I saw him no more. But when I came into my pulpit, I seemed to preach with so much understanding, that they who heard me, said, they were surprised at my discourse.



Having thus ended my sermon, I found myself very ill; and when I recovered I endeavoured with all diligence to instruct my neighbours; to which end I pray God to strengthen and support me. Amen.